

## STATEMENT

[English]

<i>No. of Brick Kilns</i>	<i>Statewise</i>
State	No. of Units
Andhra Pradesh	1000
Andaman & Nicobar	20
Assam	200
Bihar	6000
Chandigarh	100
Delhi	400
Gujarat	3500
Goa	20
Haryana	3000
Himachal Pradesh	250
Jammu & Kashmir	200
Karnataka	250
Kerala	1000
Madhya Pradesh	2000
Maharashtra	1000
Nagaland	200
Dardra & Nagar Haveli	20
Orissa	6500
Punjab	4500
Pondicherry	250
Rajasthan	1500
Tamil Nadu	15,000
Uttar Pradesh	21000
West Bengal	5500

**Substandard Coal to Electricity Boards**

6531. SHRI S.B. THORAT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply of substandard coal to State Electricity Boards for their Thermal Plants and other industrial undertakings continues to be a nagging phenomenon bringing bad name to CIL ;

(b) if so, the effective and innovative steps undertaken recently to ensure fair practices and supply quality coal to meet the requirement of State Electricity Boards; and

(c) the details of the economic measures taken to effect substantial cut in the non-planned expenditure?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (b). There have been some complaints from power houses and other coal consumers about quality of coal supplied by Coal India Ltd. Quality problems relate mainly to grade of coal, presence of extraneous material in coal and oversized coal. Following steps are being taken to improve the quality of coal sent to consumers:-

1. While loading coal at the surface in underground mines, the extraneous materials are segregated.

2. In the stocks on surface, manual picking is done to remove shale and stone pieces.

3. In Coal Handling Plants, slow moving picking belts are provided where picking up of shale and stone pieces is done.

4. Coal Controller's Organisation is to be strengthened to supervise the qual-

ity of coal despatched to consumers.

5. Consumers are being given the facility of joint sampling of coal at the loading point.

6. Coal Companies have also set up Consumers Councils to monitor redressal of consumers' complaints/grievances.

(c) Coal India Limited have issued instructions to its subsidiaries to minimise administrative expenditure on Overtime Allowance, Travel, Telephone, Publicity, Stationery, Staff Car, etc.

The Chairman-cum-Managing Directors of all the subsidiaries have been instructed to monitor the implementation of these instructions.

[Translation]

### **Production of Paper**

6532. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of paper in the country is not as per the demand;

(b) if so, the demand of paper during the last three years;

(c) the value of paper produced during the last three years; and

(d) the efforts made to increase the production of paper in the country to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Currently, production of paper in the country nearly matches the demand.

(b) The production during the last 3 years was as follows:-

Year	Production (Lakh tonnes)
1989	18.50
1990	19.56
1991	19.65

(c) Various units in the Paper Industry produce different varieties of paper and paper board and their prices vary from mill to mill and from region to region.

(d) (i) Import of wood pulp and waste paper has been allowed under OGL at a low rate of customs duty.

(ii) Manufacture of writing and printing paper and uncoated kraft paper containing not less than 75% by weight of pulp made from jute (including jute waste), mesta or bagasse or mixture thereof or mixture of two or more of the pulps of the aforementioned materials is exempted from excise duty.

(iii) Paper mills using agro residues and other non-conventional raw materials atleast upto 50% are charged excise duty at concessional rates.

(iv) Paper units, based on use of minimum 75% pulp from bagasse, agricultural residues and other non-conventional raw-materials, have been exempted from Industrial Licencing.

[English]

### **Cost Escalation of Equipment Packages**

6533. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: